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- 1. SUMMARY. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE TO HELD IN ALMA ATA IN SEPTEMBER 1978, UPDATES REFTEL AND REPRESENTS THE LATEST VIEWS OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL D. TEJEDA, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING THE CONFERENCE AND WITH WHOM THE HEALTH ATTACHE MET LAST WEEK. END SUMMARY.
- 2. THE SOVIETS STILL HAVE NOT OFFICIALLY INFORMED WHO HOW MUCH THEY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE PHC CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, DR. ORLOV OF THE SOVIET MISSION MET WITH DR. TEJADA LAST WEEK AND GAVE HIS OPINION THAT IT WILL PROBABLY BE IN THE VICINITY OF \$500,000 IN SERVICES.
- 3. LAST WEEK'S MEETING HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY DR. TEJADA, WHO REMINDED THE SOVIETS WHO SHOULD HAVE A SPECIFIC SUM, AS PROMISED, TO INCLUDE IN THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S REPORT FOR THE 30TH WHA, PUBLICATION OF WHICH HAS BEEN HELD UP. DR. ORLOV WAS APOLOGETIC AND ASKED FOR MORE TIME. DR. TEJADA RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO TWO WEEKS, AT WHICH TIME CONFIDENTIAL

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DR. ORLOV ASSURED HIM THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE.

4. ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE, DR. TEJADA REPORTED PLANNING IS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY AND ON SCHEDULE. HE INDICATED WHO IS DEFINITELY IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT AND IS ON THE ALERT FOR ANY SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO MANIPULATE

CONFERENCE PREPARATION. TEJADA'S OPINION IS THAT EARLIER FRICTION POINTS WITH THE USSR ON VARIOUSADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. SORENSON

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